

January 14, 2004

The Honorable H. Charles Royce, Chairman
Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: HB 1148, defining a wetland for the purposes of dredge and fill in wetlands

Dear Chairman Royce:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 1148, which would establish a definition of wetlands for the purposes RSA 482-A, Fill and Dredge in Wetlands.

DES neither supports nor opposes this bill. However, if HB 1148 is enacted, DES would suggest that the following sentence be added at the end of the proposed language:

Wetlands include, but are not limited to, swamps, marshes, bogs and similar areas.

This change would make the definition consistent with the existing administrative rule definition as well as the federal definition of wetlands.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Please call either me at 271-3503 or Collis Adams at 271-4054 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,

Michael P. Nolin
Commissioner

cc: Representative Kevin Camm